

PARISH PURPOSE STATEMENT

St. Simon The Cyrenian Episcopal Church seeks to know Jesus Christ and to make Him known; to know, do and share this word; so that we might be His instruments of peace, justice and love - in our fellowship, our community, and our world.

We will pursue this mission through STEWARDSHIP, WORSHIP, EVANGELISM, EDUCATION, PASTORAL CARE, SOCIAL ACTION TO PROMOTE JUSTICE, PEACE AND LOVE.

The ministers in this congregation are the priest and laity, each with differing gifts and functions.

And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, for the equipment of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the building up of the Body of Christ.

The Celebration of the New Ministry in this parish will continue on Sunday, December 23rd. This will be a time of personal commitment to the mission of the parish and a pledge of responsible stewardship for the support of the mission during 1985.

SUNDAYS: Holy Eucharist & Homily... 8:00 A.M.
Christian Education..... 9:45 A.M.
Holy Eucharist & Sermon...11:00 A.M.

THURSDAYS: Holy Eucharist & Bible Study.....
10:00 A.M.

THE CELEBRATION
OF THE NEW MINISTRY OF
THE REVEREND VAN SAMUEL BIRD

AS RECTOR OF
SAINT SIMON THE CYRENIAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Saturday, December 22, 1984

11:00 A.M.

22nd and Reed Streets

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Crucifer and Torch Bearers

The Choir

The Clergy

Crucifer and Torch Bearers

Wardens

The Vestry

Presenters

The Readers

The Litanist

The Preacher

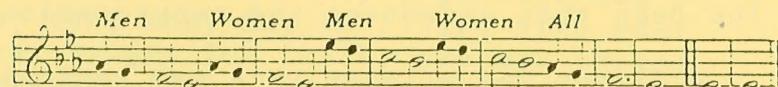
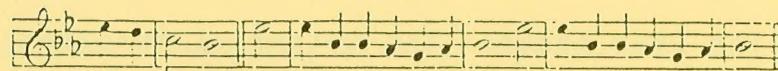
The Rector

The Dean

The Bishop

Organ Prelude

Processional Hymn 599 Vigiles Et Sancti



YE watchers and ye holy ones,
 Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
 Raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
 Cry out, dominions, princedoms, powers,
 Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs,
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

2 O higher than the cherubim,
 More glorious than the seraphim,
 Lead their praises, Alleluia!
 Thou bearer of the eternal Word,
 Most gracious, magnify the Lord,
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
 Ye patriarchs and prophets blest,
 Alleluia, Alleluia!
 Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
 All saints triumphant, raise the song
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

4 O friends, in gladness let us sing,
 Supernal anthems echoing,
 Alleluia, Alleluia!
 To God the Father, God the Son,
 And God the Spirit, Three in One,
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
 Amen.

THE INSTITUTION

The Wardens, standing before the Dean with the New Rector, say:

We have come together today to welcome VAN SAMUEL BIRD, who has been chosen to serve as Rector of Saint Simon The Cyrenian Church. We believe that he is well qualified, and that he has been prayerfully and lawfully selected.

The Dean reads: The Letter of Institution.

The Dean then addresses the congregation:

Will you who witness this new beginning support and uphold VAN in this ministry?

People: We will.

The Dean, standing, says:

Let us then offer our pryaers to God for all his poeple, for this congregation, and for VAN their Rector.

The Litany For A New Ministry: (Standing)

God the Father,
HAVE MERCY ON US.

God the Son,
HAVE MERCY ON US.

God the Holy Spirit,
HAVE MERCY ON US.

Holy Trinity, One God,
HAVE MERCY ON US.

We pray to you, Lord Christ.
LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For the Holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the Day of your Coming, we pray to you, O Lord.
LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For all members of your Church in their vocation and ministry, that they may serve you in a true and godly life, we pray to you, O Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For John, our Presiding Bishop, Lyman, our Bishop, and for all bishops, priests and deacons, that they may be filled with your love, may hunger for truth, and may thirst after righteousness, we pray to you, O Lord.
LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.
LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.
LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.
LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.
LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.
LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.
LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.
LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have died in the communion of your church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

TO YOU, O LORD OUR GOD.

Lord, have mercy.
CHRIST, HAVE MERCY.
Lord, have mercy.

The Dean then says:

The Lord be with you.
AND ALSO WITH YOU.
Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson Numbers 11:16-17.24-25a

Psalm 146

Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! whose hope is in the Lord their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise forever;

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

The Epistle

Romans 12:1-18

Gradual Anthem "Every Valley" John Ness Beck

The Holy Gospel John 15:9-16

SERMON HYMN "How Great Thou Art" LEVAS #82

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy pow'r thro'out the universe displayed.

REFRAIN Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When thro' the woods and forest glades I wander-and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees, when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

REFRAIN

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin.

REFRAIN

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what a joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, My God, how great Thou art!

THE SERMON

Induction Hymn "Lift High The Cross" H-125, Crucifer

Refrain

Lift high the Cross, the
love of Christ proclaim till all the world
adore his sacred name.

1 Come, let us follow where our Captain trod, our
2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign, the
3 Each new-born servant of the crucified bears
4 O Lord, once lifted up on the glorious tree, as
5 So shall our song of triumph ever be, praise

Repeat Refrain

1 King vic to rious, Christ the Son of God our
2 hosts of God in con-qu'ring ranks combine,
3 on the brow the seal of him who died
4 thou hast prom-ised, draw the world to thee,
5 to the Cru-ci-fied for vic-to-ry

THE INDUCTION (The People remain standing)

Bible:

Van, accept this Bible, and be in this place as one who proclaims the Word.
AMEN.

Water:

Van, take this water, and help me baptize in obedience to our Lord.
AMEN.

Stole:

Van, receive this stole, and be in this place as a pastor and priest.
AMEN

Prayer Book:

Van, receive this Prayer Book, and be in this place as a person of prayer.
AMEN.

Oil:

Van, use this oil, and be in this place as a healer and reconciler.
AMEN.

Keys:

Van, receive these keys, and let the doors of this place be open to all people.
AMEN.

Canons:

Van, obey these Canons, and be among us to share in the councils of this diocese.
AMEN.

Bread & Wine:

Van, take this bread and wine, and be among us to break the Bread and bless the Cup.
AMEN.

The Dean then says:

Van, let all these be signs of the ministry which is the Bishop's and yours in this place.

THE RECTOR'S PRAYER

O Lord my God, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; yet you have called your servant to stand in your house, and to serve at your altar. To you and to your service I devote myself, body, soul, and spirit. Fill my memory with the record of your mighty works; enlighten my understanding with the light of your Holy Spirit; and may all the desires of my heart and will center in what you would have me to do. Make me an instrument of your salvation for the people entrusted to my care, and grant that I may faithfully administer your holy Sacraments, and by my life and teaching set forth your true and living word. Be always with me in carrying out the duties of my ministry. In Prayer, quicken my devotion; in praises, heighten my love and gratitude; in preaching, give me readiness of thought of expression; and grant that, by the clearness and brightness of your holy word, all the world may be drawn into your blessed kingdom. All this I ask for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. AMEN.

The Dean then presents the new Rector to the congregations saying:

GREET YOUR NEW RECTOR.

(The Congregation expresses its approval. Applause is appropriate. The Dean greets the new Rector.)

The Rector: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

The People: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Hymn "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" LEVAS #62

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with
your love.
And for these blessings, we lift our hearts
in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know, that we have
been revived,
When we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive,
Till you know Him in His fullness and believe.
You're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."

REFRAIN

If you say He saved you from your sin,
Now you're weak, you're bound, and cannot
enter in,
You can make it right if you will yield;
You'll enjoy the Holy Spirit that we feel.

REFRAIN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offertory Anthem "Thou Art God" John Ness Beck

(The Congregation sings the following verses)

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Great Thanksgiving (The People remain
standing)

The Lord be with you.
AND ALSO WITH WITH YOU.

Lift up your hearts.
WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE HIM THANKS AND PRAISE.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always
and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father.
Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by
water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a
new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show
forth your glory in all the world. Therefore,
we praise you, joining our voices with Angels
and Archangels and with all the company of
heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim
the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy lord, God of Power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your
glory.

Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite
love you made us for yourself; and, when we
had fallen into sin and become subject to
evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent
Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son,
to share our human nature, to live and die
as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the
God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me:.

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

CHRIST HAS DIED.
CHRIST IS RISEN.
CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.

(The Celebrant continues)

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal Kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

(People and Celebrant) THE LORD'S PRAYER.

ALLELUIA. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore, let us keep the feast.
ALLELUIA.

Facing the people the Celebrant says:

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

(ALL baptized Christians are invited to receive Communion.)

Hymns During Communion

Hymnal #197
Lift Every Voice and Sing-#2;#94;#102

After Communion, the Bishop says,
Let us pray.

Bishop and People:

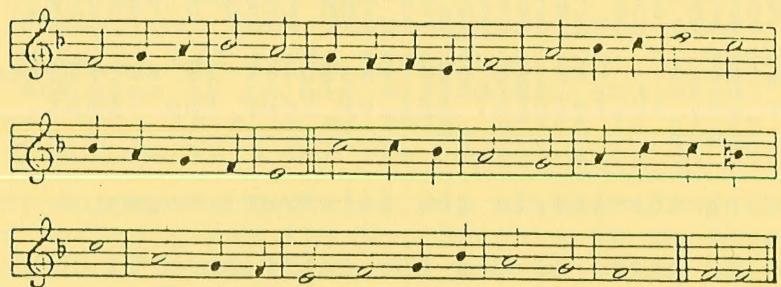
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The new Rector pronounces the blessing.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
THANKS BE TO GOD.

Recessional Hymn "God of the Prophets"

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L. BOURGEOIS, 1551



GOD of the prophets, bless the prophets' sons;
Elijah's mantle o'er Elisha cast:
Each age its solemn task may claim but once;
Make each one nobler, stronger than the last.

2 Anoint them prophets! Make their ears attent
To thy divinest speech; their hearts awake
To human need; their lips make eloquent
For righteousness that shall all evil break.

3 Anoint them priests! Strong intercessors they
For pardon, and for charity and peace!
O that with them, the world, so far astray,
Might pass into Christ's life of sacrifice!

4 Anoint them kings! Aye, kingly kings, O Lord!
Anoint them with the Spirit of thy Son:
Theirs not a jeweled crown, a blood-stained sword;
Theirs by the love of Christ a kingdom won.

5 Make them apostles, heralds of thy cross;
Forth may they go to tell all realms thy grace:
Inspired of thee, may they count all but loss,
And stand at last with joy before thy face.

Amen.

DENIS WORTMAN, 1884

Organ Postlude

PARTICIPANTS IN THE CELEBRATION

CELEBRANT - The Rt. Rev. Lyman C. Ogilby,
Bishop

PRESENTERS - Mr. Leon I. Briscoe, Rector's Warden
Ms. Russe Jackson, Acct'g Warden
The Rev. John R. Logan, Jr. Rector
Emeritus

LETTER OF INSTITUTION - The Very Rev. Robert
Peoples, Dean of Southwark

LITANIST - The Rev. Paul M. Washington, Rector
Church of the Advocate

THE READERS - Ms. Thenia Brasby, Ms. Phyllis L.
Simms, Dr. Vernon Jones, The Rev.
Mary Adebonojo

THE PREACHER - The Rev. Dr. Henry H. Mitchell,
Dean, School of Theology,
Virginia Union University,
Richmond, Virginia

PRESENTERS OF SYMBOLS

Bible Mr. John Thomas, Ms. Robin Ott
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Stole Ms. Inetta W. Winge, Mr. Vernon
Jones, Jr.

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Browne

Oil Mr. Lorenzo Hart, Ms. Margaretta
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Keys Ms. Geraldine Welsh, Ms. Russe
Jackson

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Assistant to the Bishop for
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Gloria A. Jackson, Mr. James
Robinson

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The Rev. Robert E. DuBose, Rector
Historic St. Thomas Church

Mr. Richard W. Hawkins, Warden of
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Music Mr. Charles T. Craig, Organist &
Choir Director

Mr. Thomas L. Thornley, III -
Guest Organist

Assisting at Communion

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St. Matthias Church

The Rev. Floyd Naters-Gamarra, Vicar
St. Barnabas Church

The Very Rev. Kenneth O. Grannum, Rector
St. Phillip's Church

The Rev. Barbara Harris, Executive Director
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The Rev. Charles L. L. Poindexter, Rector
St. Luke's Church, Germantown

The Rev. Leroy Saunders, Vicar
House of Prayer Episcopal Church

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Mr. Harvey Packwood	Ms. Sylvia Nichols
Mr. Rene L. Pyfrom	Mr. Seldon Taylor

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Ms. Russe Jackson, Accounting Warden
Ms. Geraldine Welsh, Junior Warden
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Ms. Mary Hoff	Mr. Charles T. Craig
Mr. Richard W. Hawkins	Ms. Georgette B. Fields
Ms. Rose Lassiter	Dr. Vernon Jones
Ms. Julia Proctor	Ms. Beatrice Morse

Mr. Irvin Thornton

In addition to all participants listed, we express our appreciation to the Choir and our guest musicians, the Acolytes, the Altar Guild, the Flower Guild, and the countless individuals who through prayer and action made this possible.

We welcome our friends from the wider community who are sharing this celebration with us this morning. Our hearts and the doors of this Church are always open to all persons. There are no strangers in this parish - only visitors, inquirers and members of the family.

Everyone is cordially invited to the Parish House for an informal reception following the Service.